

Social Justice Literature

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Title of Book: Fancy Nancy

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What social topic/s does this book address:

- race
- culture (including immigration)
- gender
- sexual orientation
- ability
- family composition (including adoption)
- Class/poverty/homelessness/unemployment

Brief synopsis of the book:

Nancy likes everything 'fancy'. She uses French words, wears a lot of 'accessories', gives fancy names to her dog and to food she eats.....etc. Nancy wishes that her family was as fancy as she was, so she gives them lessons. They all go out to eat 'parfaits' at an ice cream parlor and dress fancy. This book doesn't really deal with any particular social issue, but was chosen as a contrasting book to *Those Shoes*.

Is this story authentic in regard to:

- X story line
- X today's society
- social topic
- x characters

Is this story:

- Respectful
- X Engaging
- Honoring

Does this story directly talk about the social topic or does it tell a story using a social topic as a subtle background?

-not chosen for this reason.

Would you read this story to your class? _____

Would you want your child's teacher to read this story? _____

What big ideas or questions do you see emerging from this book?

This book was chosen as a contrasting book to the book *Those Shoes*. It shows a girl who has a lot of 'stuff', who lives with a 'normal' family. It helps children talk about wants and needs, as many of them can identify with her desire to have lots of 'stuff'.
